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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

MARA AMONE individually, and on	)	Civil No. CV04-00508 ACK/BMK
behalf of all persons similarly	)	
situated,	)	<b>DECLARATION OF GAVIN</b>
	)	<b>THORNTON; EXHIBIT "A";</b>
Plaintiffs,	)	<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	

STEPHANIE AVEIRO, in her )  
official capacity as the Executive )  
Director of the Housing and )  
Community Development )  
Corporation of Hawaii; HOUSING )  
AND COMMUNITY )  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION )  
OF HAWAII, a duly organized and )  
recognized agency of the State of )  
Hawaii. )  
 )  
Defendants. )  
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**DECLARATION OF GAVIN THORNTON**

I, GAVIN THORNTON, do hereby declare and state under  
penalty of perjury that the following facts are true and correct:

1. I am an attorney and the acting director for the law firm of  
Lawyers for Equal Justice (“LEJ”), counsel for Plaintiffs herein.
2. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge  
and am competent to testify as to the matters set forth herein.
3. I received my J.D. degree from the University of Virginia  
School of Law in 2002, and was admitted to the bar in Washington State in  
2002, and Hawaii in 2003.
4. I began working with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii in  
2002. Since that time, the focus of my practice has been on advocating for  
public housing tenant rights. I am especially familiar with the portions of

the U.S. Housing Act applicable to the federally subsidized housing projects that are the subject of this litigation. I have received extensive training in public housing law and am a member of the Housing Justice Network, a nationwide organization of attorneys specializing in public housing law.

5. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a schedule showing the time billed to this matter by LEJ, and the identity of the persons billing the time. The time incurred was necessary to accomplish the favorable results obtained in this action. The low hourly rate reflected on the billing statement was offered for the purposes of settlement and is lower than what I would have otherwise billed. Additionally, the significant number of hours expended since December 1, 2005 to finally resolve this matter have not been included in the billing.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, June 22, 2007.

/s/ Gavin Thornton  
GAVIN THORNTON